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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 49386CON(71995)	
Application No. 10/601,014-Conf. #7152		Filing Date June 20, 2003		Examiner D. C. Comstock	
				Art Unit 3732	
Applicant(s): Allen Carl et al.					
Invention: SYSTEMS, METHODS, DEVICES AND DEVICE KITS FOR FIXATION OF BONES AND SPINAL VERTEBRAE (AS-AMENDED)					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2006, in the above referenced application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 for any required fee.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.